

40. (twice amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a polypeptide having a CUB domain, said polypeptide consisting essentially of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:27.

C¹ 41. (twice amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 40, consisting essentially of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:28.

42. (twice amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 41, consisting essentially of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:29.

C² 56. (twice amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a polypeptide consisting essentially of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:26 for use as a medicament.

Please add the following new claim:

C³ 73. (new) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the isolated nucleic acid molecule according to any of claims 39 to 41, together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent or excipient therefor.

Remarks

Applicants have canceled claims 1-4, 6, 7, 11, 12, 15, 21, 30, 31, 43, 45, 47, 55 and 72.

Applicants have amended the claims to recite that the nucleic acid molecules consists essentially of the recited SEQ ID NOs. No new matter has been added.

New claim 73 has been added. This claim recites a pharmaceutical composition comprising certain claimed nucleic acids. No new matter has been added.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claims 43 and 72. Applicants have canceled these claims and accordingly respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objections to the claims.